

January 3, 2010

St. Joseph's Special Collections

- 1/3 - Parish Improvement
- 1/10 - Fuel
- 1/17 - St. Mary's Academy (CCD)
- 1/24 - Respect Life

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. Patrick's		St. Joseph's	
Last year	\$4033	Last year	\$590
Last week	\$3447 (Envelopes \$3018, Plate \$429)	Last week	\$532 (Envelopes \$482, Plate \$50)
Christmas Flowers	\$1711	Christmas Flowers	\$190

PRAYER LIST

(These names will be listed for two months and then removed, unless we hear otherwise. If a name was removed and needs to be placed on the list again, please call the Rectory.)

Bea St. Pierre, Barbara Sterling, Norman Duquette, Evelyn Hatcher, Aline Terry, Rose Bombardier, Cheryl Patch

Please pray for all those listed in our Community Intention Book and all the sick of our area.

LECTOR/ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

January 2 / 3

4:00PM Ted Favro
Ashley Boire

7:30PM Eleanor Reynolds

10:00AM Joey Proulx
Kyler Guay

January 9 / 10

4:00PM Volunteer
Kyler Guay

7:30PM Brenda Jolicoeur

10:00AM Arsene Letourneau
Joel Herzog & Julia Herzog

MASS INTENTIONS

January

- Sat. 2 **(Anticipated) The Epiphany of the Lord**
 4:00PM _Linda Pickering by her Mom
 7:30PM **(St. Joseph's)** Deceased Members of the Rose & Stanley Moore Family
- Sun. 3 **The Epiphany of the Lord**
 10:00AM _Anne Hewson by Gary Miner
- Mon. 4 **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**
 9:00AM Neil Thomas Guay by Why Catholic Group
- Tue. 5 **St. John Neumann**
 9:00AM _Jules Trahan by Lucille Chamberlain
- Wed. 6 **Christmas Weekday**
 8:00AM Communion Service
- Thur. 7 **Christmas Weekday**
 9:00AM _Victor West by his Estate
- Fri. 8 **Christmas Weekday**
 9:00AM _Geraldine Vanderbeek by Mary Ballman
- Sat. 9 **(Anticipated) The Baptism of the Lord**
 4:00PM _Millie Sample by Andy & Barb Guay
 7:30PM **(St. Joseph's)** Leo Major by Norman & Rejeanne Lefebvre
- Sun. 10 **The Baptism of the Lord**
 10:00AM _Richard Favreau by Thelma LaFountain

ST. PATRICK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

Parishioners of St. Patrick's

LECTORS

Your January schedule is available for pick-up in the Sacristy. If you have been scheduled as a Lector and you are not available, please cross your name out on the sheet posted in the Sacristy. If you have found a replacement, just fill in that name. Also please take the time to fill in the sign-up sheet in the Sacristy letting us know what Mass you would prefer to be scheduled at since we will no longer have the 8:00AM Mass.

Notes from the Pastor's Desk

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION ... As this past Friday was a Holy Day of Obligation for the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, this is a good opportunity to remind everyone of the following: In addition to the Sundays of the year, Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on the following six Holy Days: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - December 8; Christmas Day - December 25; and Ascension of the Lord. These three are **always** Holy Days of Obligation. The next three are Holy Days that are suspended if the day falls on a Saturday or Monday: Solemnity of Mary - January 1; Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 15; and Solemnity of All Saints - November 1.

REMINDER FOR 2010 MASS SCHEDULE ... Beginning on this Saturday, January 2, 2010, the Mass Schedule will be as follows:

- Saturday: St. Patrick's 4:00PM, St. Mary's 5:30PM, St. Joseph's 7:30PM
- Sunday: St. Mary's 8:00AM, St. Patrick's 10:00AM

Envelope users need not be concerned as your envelopes will be forwarded to the appropriate church no matter which church you attend. Also, each week, we will have the bulletin from St. Mary's available in our church lobby. St. Mary's will have copies of our bulletin in their church as well. Many thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES ... There are no Christian Formation classes this weekend. Classes resume on January 10 for all grades, including Confirmation.

REMINDER TO FIRST, SECOND, EIGHTH AND NINTH GRADE STUDENTS ... Don't forget to sign up on Sundays and Holy Days! Sign-up sheets are in the upstairs church lobby.

2010 CALENDARS ... There are still copies of the St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's 2010 calendars available. If you have not already done so, please pick up your copy in the church lobbies.

2009 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL TOTALS ...
 St. Joseph's total \$ 1,081.00 (Goal \$1,401.92)
 St. Patrick's total \$10,095.00 (Goal \$11,398.50).

If you have not made a gift to the Bishop's Fund, there is still time to make a gift. Place your Bishop's Fund pledge envelope in the collection basket or mail it to: The Bishop's Fund Appeal, P.O. Box 150, Ogdensburg, NY. Thanks!

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS AND LECTORS... As there will no longer be an 8:00AM Mass, this is a good opportunity to review what Masses you would be available to assist at. Please take the time to either fill out the sign-up sheet in the Sacristy or call the Rectory to let us know your preferences. There is a sheet for altar servers and one for lectors. Thanks for your help.

ROSARY ALTAR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON ... Monday, January 11, 2010 at 1:00PM at Best Friends Restaurant. RSVP Jackie (297-7011) if you plan to attend.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 912 SPAGHETTI DINNER ... Friday, January 15, 5:00PM. Adults \$8, Children under 12 \$5. Take-outs available.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS ... Many thanks to all who donated to our Christmas flowers which so beautifully decorated our church. The names of those who donated as well as those who requested special intentions are attached to this bulletin.

ST. PATRICK'S FOOD SHELF ... Many thanks to all who have made donations to our food shelf. At the same time, we are asking that you please check the expiration dates on the food that is donated as we must try to ensure that the food being given out is not outdated. Many thanks for your cooperation.

HOURS: Sunday, January 3 and 20, 11:30AM to 1:00PM

If you have a need, other than on the Sundays listed, please call 297-6208 or 297-8060 for an appointment.

ATTENTION ENVELOPE USERS ... Anyone wishing to make up their envelopes for 2009, please do so as we are beginning preparation of income tax receipts for the year. Please note that these receipts will be in the form of a letter which will show a separate total for church contributions (parish offerings) and a total for extra contributions (special collections, parish improvement, etc.) with a grand total at the bottom. These letters will be automatically done for those who requested a letter last year. If you would like to receive a receipt, please indicate this on your envelope, dropping a note in the collection basket or calling the Rectory. **Please note that a letter will automatically be done for all St. Joseph's parishioners who have been using envelopes for 2009.**

JANUARY JOB SEARCH WORKSHOPS ... Wednesdays, January 13, 20 & 27, 7:00 - 9:00PM, Dodge Memorial Library. A trainer from the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System will present a slideshow and provide printed handouts with lists of resources, including information about the new Learning Express test practice and job skills database. Call 297-6242 for more information.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS ... Many thanks for your very generous contributions to our Christmas collection. Like every North Country parish, we forward 60% plus \$500 per priest to the diocese to fund pensions for retired priests. Pension needs for the future as well as obligations for the next year are being met thanks to your generous donations. The breakdown of the collections at both St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's is shown below. Please note that the Priest's Retirement Fund is \$500 for each priest in a parish. Since there is only one priest at St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's, the amount is divided equally between the two parishes.

As of December 31, 2009, the St. Patrick's Christmas Collection is \$4480. It will be broken down as follows:

\$2688.00	60% of collection for Priests' Retirement Fund and their Special Needs
+ 250.00	Priest's Retirement Fund
<u>\$2938.00</u>	Sent to Ogdensburg
\$1642.00	Remains at St. Patrick's

As of December 31, 2009, the St. Joseph's Christmas Collection is \$485. It will be broken down as follows:

\$291.00	60% of collection for Priests' Retirement Fund
+250.00	Priest's Retirement Fund
<u>\$541.00</u>	Sent to Ogdensburg
\$56.00	Additional funds to be send from St. Joseph's

BULLETIN COVERS ... As we begin 2010, we would like to take the time to thank the businesses who advertise on the back of our bulletin cover. A special welcome is extended to Maureen Brewster, All Seasons Realty. Your support is much appreciated. Many thanks to The Border Press for all their work in revising, editing and preparing our bulletin covers for us each year.

Why Catholic?—Feast of Epiphany—Small Community Leader Training Sessions ... The King of All ... Let us acclaim that the Jesus we worship today is the "king of all nations". We celebrate the beautiful feast of Epiphany, the manifestation of the Savior, Jesus Christ, coming not only to the Jewish people but to all peoples: Gentile, pagan, "outsiders" of all kinds. God's universal love reaches out to all people. Just as the Magi searched for the Savior by following the "star", so too, God gives us signs to follow Him through the celebration of the sacraments. The sacraments bring us into union with Jesus Christ and with all His people. Who are "the outsiders" in your parish or neighborhood who need your touch of love? Pray for the needs of your parish, family, and community. **Why Catholic? Small Community Leader Training** on Christian Prayer: Deepening Your Experience of God sessions will soon be taking place in your area. Watch the bulletin for updated information. Consider joining a Small Community Group to learn more of how you can deepen your experience of God with yourself and others.

LET US KEEP THESE MEN AND WOMEN AND ALL OTHER MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Teddy Woitazek, Mandy McCammon, Chad McCammon, Michael Garrand Jr., Paul Langley, Mike Casey, Patrick Rosenberg, Colleen Kelly, Jarred Hayes, Ben Brassard, Craig Jackson, James Gonyo II, Justin R. Moore